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TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB234** by Farrar (Relating to certain costs associated with court proceedings for cruelly treated animals; authorizing fees and costs.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to specify that upon certain findings of animal cruelty, a court may order the owner to pay county or municipality attorney's fees and certain costs associated with the court case.

According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, there would be no revenue implications and no fiscal impact on the state or on the state's cash flow.

Local Government Impact

There would be a savings to counties and municipalities that would vary depending on the number of applicable cases in which the animal's owner is required to pay; however, the fiscal impact is not anticipated to be significant.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304
Comptroller of Public Accounts

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